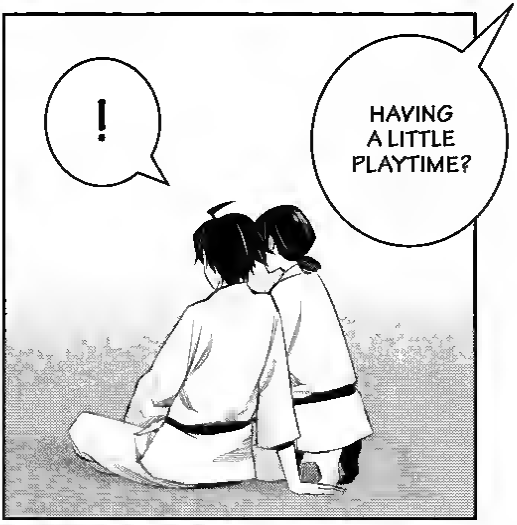
CRONOS HAZE
クロノスヘイズ
MASAYUKI TAKANO PRESENTS
EPISODE 26:
"INKDROP INTO WATER"
HN
TAK
TAK
HA
STAND
...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOUYA?
SHHN!
SWISH
SLAM

NAH... NOT REALLY...
STARE

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS
SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

DON'T LIE TO ME.
I CAN TELL BY THE WAY YOU KEEP ZONING OUT.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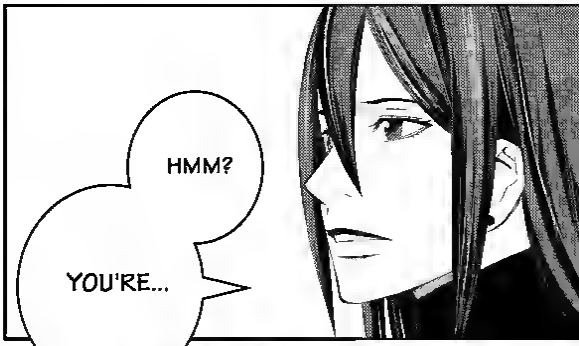
HAVING A LITTLE PLAYTIME?

DR. WHEELER...
WAS THAT KUNG-FU?
WHEELER?
OH, NO, IT'S A JAPANESE MARTIAL ART CALLED AIKI-JUJUTSU.
AAH... JUJITSU, HUH?
AH-

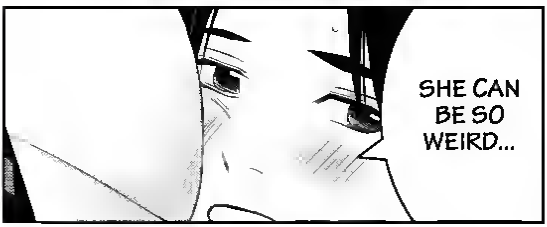
OH!
DASH
EEK!
WATCH OUT!
FLOP
OOF!
...
PUFF-PUFF

HEHE. REMINDS ME OF THAT LITTLE ESCAPE ACT FROM LAST TIME
R-RIGHT...
Y-YES...
ARE YOU. ALL RIGHT?
SQUISH
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK?
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON SITTING THERE, TOUYA?
OH, IS SHE ACTUALLY YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
KISS

I-I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF!
TWIRL
TAK
YUKIHO!

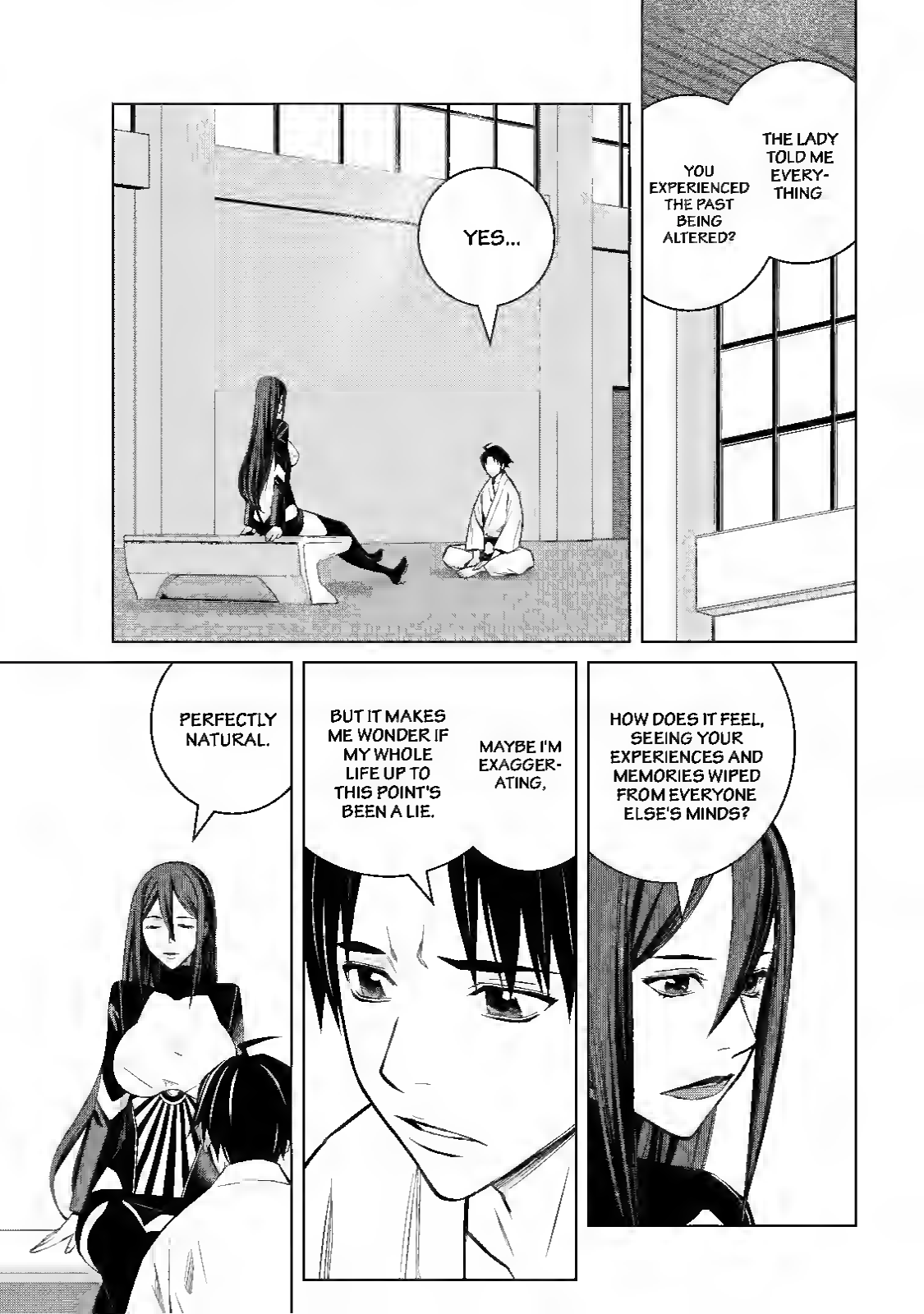

HMM?
YOU'RE...

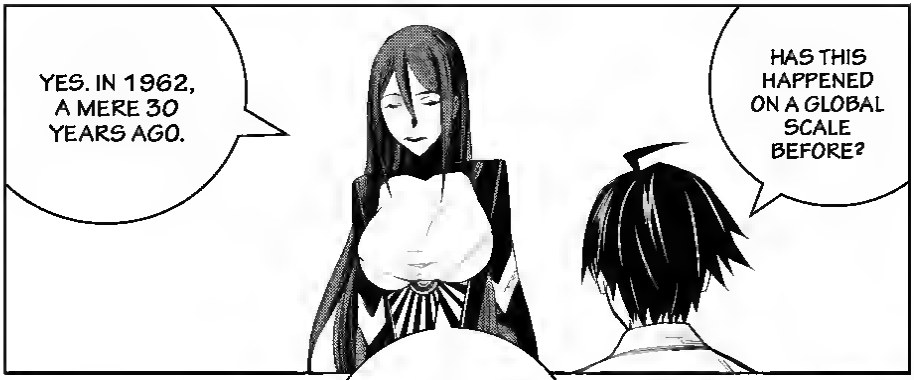
BABUM

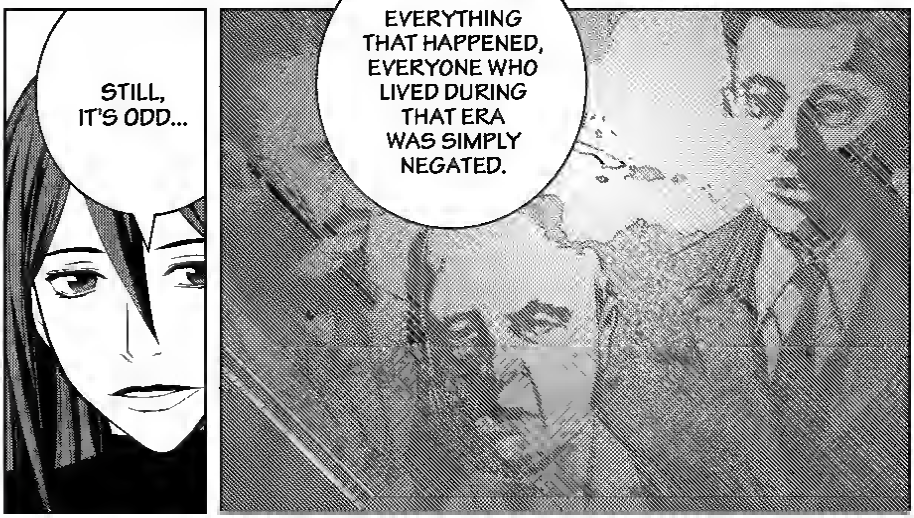

SHE CAN BE SO WEIRD...

ANYWAY, DOCTOR, WHAT DID YOU NEED?

AFTER ALL THAT LOVING I JUST GAVE YOU?
SO COLD!
FLOP
D-DOCTOR!


YES...
THE LADY TOLD ME EVERY-THING
YOU EXPERIENCED THE PAST BEING ALTERED?
PERFECTLY NATURAL.
BUT IT MAKES ME WONDER IF MY WHOLE LIFE UP TO THIS POINT'S BEEN A LIE.
MAYBE I'M EXAGGER-ATING,
HOW DOES IT FEEL, SEEING YOUR EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES WIPED FROM EVERYONE ELSE'S MINDS?


HAS THIS HAPPENED ON A GLOBAL SCALE BEFORE?
YES. IN 1962, A MERE 30 YEARS AGO.

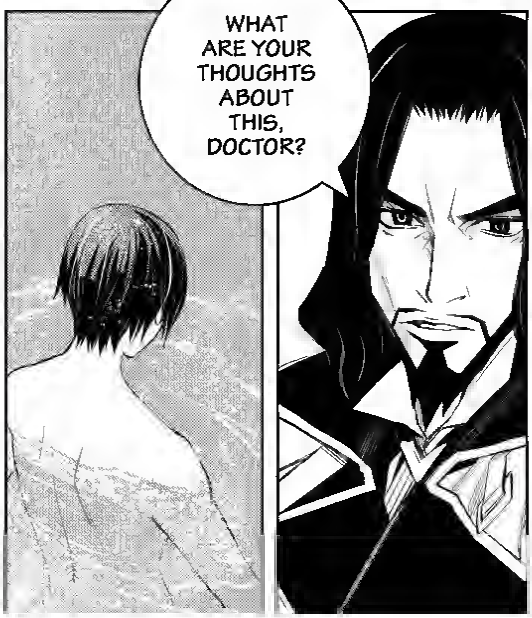

EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, EVERYONE WHO LIVED DURING THAT ERA WAS SIMPLY NEGATED.
STILL, IT'S ODD...

...THAT, THIS TIME, EVERYONE ELSE FORGOT YET YOU STILL REMEMBER.

YOU AND ME BOTH.
I DIDN'T EXPECT DONNY D TO FAIL.
KASPLASH
DONNY D JUST HAD A BAD HABIT OF RELYING TOO HEAVILY ON HIS POWER.
AND WHILE LOSING DR. WHEELER'S ISOTOPE WAS A HEAVY BLOW,
SOMETHING OF EVEN GREATER CONCERN'S COME UP.
SPLASH
SPLASH

THE REPORT SAID THE METEOR DONNY SUMMONED OVER PHOENIX WAS SWALLOWED BY A MICRO BLACK HOLE.
WE'VE DEDUCED THAT THE MOST LIKELY CAUSE WAS A DIMENSIONAL GRAVITON CONVERGENCE GUN.
AND THE ONLY AGENT WE KNOW OF WHO CAN USE THAT WEAPON...
...IS AGENT NARUYUKI.

SPLISH


WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS, DOCTOR?

YOUR SON,
DR. AMAGIRI!

I REALIZE YOU NEW-GEN SIXTHS ABSOLUTELY LOATHE THIS WORD, BUT I'LL SAY IT ANYWAY.
THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE, VALENTINE.
TOUICHIROU'S EXISTANCE IS AKIN TO A SINGLE DROP OF INK RELEASED INTO THIS POOL.
THE INK, ON ITS OWN, CAN NEVER COALESCE BACK INTO ITS ORIGINAL FORM.
AND TOUICHIROU, HAVING BEEN SCATTERED ACROSS INFINITE WORLDS, CANNOT RETURN TO THIS ONE EITHER.

NOT, AS YOU SAID,
ON HIS OWN...

IF MY ASS HAD MADE ONE WRONG MOVE I'DA BEEN BLOWN TO BITS LIKE AL'S LEFT ARM THERE.
MAN, TALK ABOUT ESCAPING BY A HAIR'S BREADTH.
I'M POSITIVE AGENT NARUYUKI'S THE ONE WHO BLEW AWAY MY AFRO.
"IMPOSSIBLE."
WHAT'S THE DOCTOR'S OPINION?
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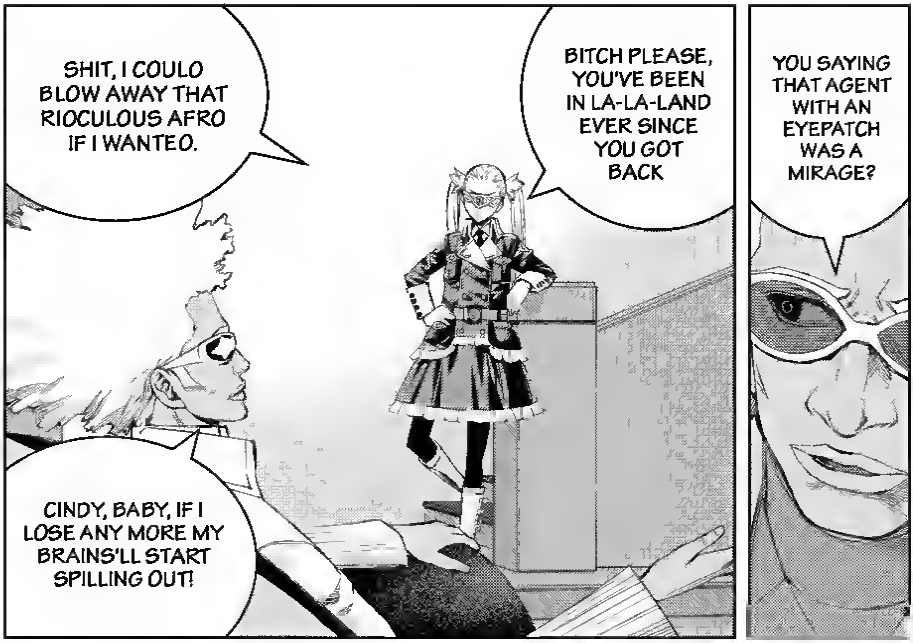
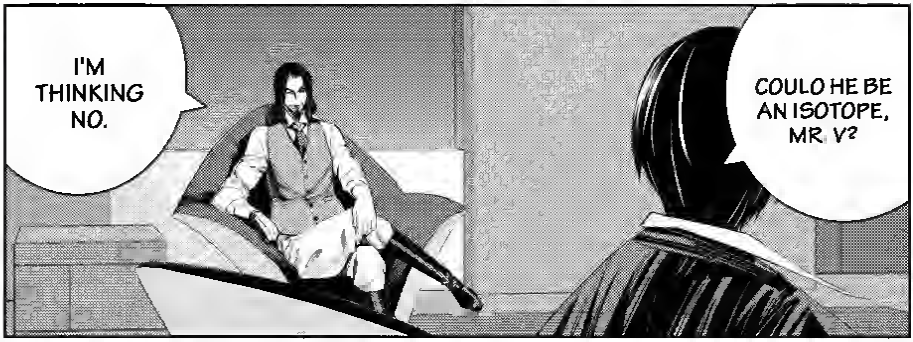

SHIT, I COULD BLOW AWAY THAT RIDICULOUS AFRO IF I WANTED.
BITCH PLEASE, YOU'VE BEEN IN LA-LA-LAND EVER SINCE YOU GOT BACK
YOU SAYING THAT AGENT WITH AN EYEPATCH WAS A MIRAGE?
CINDY, BABY, IF I LOSE ANY MORE MY BRAINS'LL START SPILLING OUT!


I'M THINKING NO.
COULD HE BE AN ISOTOPE, MR. V?

NARUYUKI SIMULTANEOUSLY EXISTS IN EVERY WORLD, AND NO WORLD.

HOWEVER...
THAT IS ZEN, BROTHER.
IF THERE WERE SOME OUTSIDE FACTOR, THAT WOULD CHANGE THINGS.
CONTINUING COVERAGE OF THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS.
OLYMPUS, IN ANTICIPATION OF NEXT WEEK'S SUMMIT MEETING, IS WRAPPING UP ARBITRATIONS.

WHAT SAY YOU, ALBERT A?
YOU WANT A REMATCH TOO, RIGHT, AL?
WELL, IF WE WANNA BE SURE I'D SAY WE CAN SET UP A GOOD STAGE FOR THE EVENT, HUH?
...

GLADLY.
EVEN IF HE IS AGENT NARUYUKI, I'LL FINISH HIM FOR GOOD THIS TIME.